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## BY WHAT PROCESS?

ONE IS INTERESTED to know by what mental process neighbor Post arrives at these two conclusions:

That Frank Healy of Windsor Locks is a natural born patriot whose nomination is demanded by the plain people of the Republican party.

That Judge Thayer, if he should accept the nomination for governor, would be the choice of the privileged and naughty few in the Democratic party.

One would think that a common people with the judgment that abides in them, driven to a choice, would prefer Judge Thayer to Mr. Healy.

One would think that a privileged few, looking for somebody to work for Mr. Borahack, say, would prefer Mr. Healy to Judge Thayer.

The Farmer is not steeped in unqualified court and judge worship. It recognizes the evils that have grown up with the judicial system, and tries to aid in their correction. But, after all, an upright and honorable judge, and most judges are upright and honorable, does rank in the public mind ahead of gentlemen devoted to politics and the lobby.

The crowd that will nominate Mr. Healy if he is nominated, is the lobby crowd. Now the business of lobbying is against public policy. But the business of judging is honorable and necessary and especially provided for in the constitution.

Hasn't neighbor Post unwittingly mixed its meanings? Didn't it intend to say that the privileged few want Healy, and that the great mass of voters want Thayer, or somebody in Thayer's class? It's never too late to correct an error.

## MORE TROOPS FOR MEXICO

THE MILITIA of Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico are ordered out. This is part of the country's answer to the latest bandit raid upon the American border. The president is determined to use as many men and as much force as may be necessary to protect the border and the Americans who live along the border. It will be well to keep the Mexican affair in proper perspective. The annoyance and injury caused by the trouble over there are very considerable. But very inconsiderable, if measured by more common sorts of annoyance.

For instance, the latest raid did less damage in lives and property than an ordinary wreck on the New Haven. It is doubtful if American property interests in Mexico have ever been injured as much by the Mexican disorders as American property interests have suffered through railroad looting in the United States.

It is a principle of good thinking not to worry more about the less evil than the greater. Some excuse for Mexico may be found in this, that a great and civilized country like the United States has not yet found the way to protect life and property as well as they might or ought to be protected. It is not stranger, therefore, that half trained Mexico has its own failures.

The Mexican anarchy is certainly not more complete than the European brand, and less injurious than our sort of disorder, of the kinds here referred to and many other kinds. But Mexicans must keep their anarchy at home. The United States has all it wants and all it proposes to endure, without Mexican additions.

## PART OF UNCLE SAM'S PREPARATION

IN COUNTING the quality and quantity of Uncle Sam's preparation it is the fashion to overlook the foreigner, who has come to the United States with the purpose of making it his home. Many of these men have been trained as soldiers under the various European systems, and have an attitude of mind, toward war, quite different from that of the American born man. Among these men are many who have served as officers in European armies. Hundreds of thousands of these would come to the colors if their services were not needed, to fight for the country of their adoption. Only those who know the foreign born citizen little, or who see him with suspicion, or from afar off will have doubt of the truth of the above proposition.

An interesting illustration of the devotedness of America's foreign citizens was exhibited, Monday, in New York, when some hundreds of persons of European nationality joined an organization, pledged to fight for the United States. Seven captains have had service as officers in foreign armies. The men under them are trained soldiers.

In the past the foreigner of American adoption fought bravely for the country. It will not be different in the future, if need for fighting men should arise.

## REDMOND'S PROTEST

JOHN REDMOND, of whose devotion to Ireland there can be no doubt, and whose advice to Great Britain has been of the best, says that the execution of the Irish leaders is much embittering the Irish people. There can be no doubt of it. In its dealings with Ireland Great Britain seems incapable of the counsels of mercy and conciliation she exhibited in her relations with the Boers. The times call for even more generous action.

It is not that some men die. It is not the sacrifice of a few more lives, where so many thousands of lives are daily devoted to violent deaths. It is that Great Britain misses a chance for rehabilitation with the Irish people, that she overlooks an opportunity for unity, and makes things somewhat harder for all who cherish her cause.

These Irish rebels die from a superabundance of loyalty to nationality. They fight for the same ideal that moved Serb and Belgian. How can Great Britain afford to punish with the death penalty even mistaken devotion to such an ideal? These are the times when the sins of patriotism are to be lightly punished.

## RELYING UPON THE PLEDGE

THE PRESIDENT'S reply to the German note is simple and direct. He says that the United States will rely upon the German pledge to conduct its U-boat warfare in accordance with international custom, but reiterates that the United States cannot make its agreement with Germany contingent upon the result of negotiations with any other government.

## WHEN AMERICANS FOUGHT MEXICANS

Just 70 years ago today, on May 9, 1846, the American army inflicted upon the Mexicans the first of that long series of decisive defeats which marked the campaign in Mexico. At Resaca de la Palma, it was clearly demonstrated that, even at odds of three Mexicans against one American, the latter were immeasurably superior. This battle, the first of the war, really commenced at Palo Alto the previous day, when General Taylor, marching with 2,300 men, encountered an army of 6,000 Mexicans led by General Arista. The clash occurred on the Texas prairie about eight miles northeast of Matamoros, Mexico. The Mexicans opened the attack a little past noon with artillery fire and a cavalry attack with the lance. They were forced back and after about five hours retreated to Resaca de la Palma. The Mexicans lost about a hundred in killed and wounded, and American loss was negligible. Those fatally wounded being Major Ringgold, who had distinguished himself as commander of the Flying Artillery.

Although the Americans had the best of the argument at Palo Alto, the result was by no means decisive. During the night the Mexicans were reinforced, and about 7,000 men were in line to oppose less than a third as many Americans at Resaca de la Palma on the ninth of May. After the first clash General Taylor permitted his men to sleep until about 3 o'clock in the morning, when they resumed their march. Taylor did not come in contact with the Mexicans until towards evening, when, emerging from a dense thicket, the Americans found themselves confronted by 7,000 Mexicans drawn up in battle array, with a front of four feet in depth and 200 feet wide. This natural trench, which was the dry bed of a stream, was bordered with palmetto trees, and hence was called Resaca de la Palma.

The Mexican artillery had been so posted as to command the road over which the Americans must advance to the attack. After a little desultory skirmishing, General Taylor gave orders to Captain May, leader of dragoons, to charge the battery. Shouting to his men to follow, May dashed forward in the face of the fire. The captain escaped the rain of bullets and rode directly toward the parapet. As he reached it his black horse leaped over the barrier. Several other horsemen made the fearful leap. The Mexicans were so awe-stricken by this exhibition of heroism that they offered no resistance. The gunners were killed by the Americans, and when the remainder of May's dragoons came up they captured General La Vega and a hundred men and with their prisoners marched in triumph back to the American lines.

The main Mexican army was not so easily conquered. From the ravine and the chaparral they fired steadily at the Americans, but the superior valor and marksmanship of the latter won the day. After a terrific struggle the Americans fought their way to the headquarters of General Arista. The latter managed to escape, and fled a solitary fugitive, across the Texas Grande. The Mexican army was completely routed and broken up. Taylor captured arms and ammunition for several thousand men, as well as the personal effects and correspondence of General Arista, and some 2,000 horses. The Mexican loss, killed, wounded and prisoners was about 1,000 men, while the American loss was only 110.

The result of the battle had a discouraging effect on the Mexicans, who had confidently planned to carry the war into the enemy's country, and to achieve a victorious peace by overrunning Texas.

## Lord Bryce 78 Tomorrow

Lord Bryce, the distinguished British diplomatist, author and statesman and former ambassador to the United States, will be seventy-eight tomorrow, as he was born in Belfast on May 10, 1838. Viscount Bryce's greatest service to his country in the war was as president of the commission which investigated the German atrocities in Belgium. While his report was a formidable indictment of Teutonic methods of warfare, Lord Bryce has deprecated the tendency to condemn the whole Teutonic people because of German practices of the military authorities. He believes that "we may well venture to hope that when, after the war, the facts hitherto concealed from the people have become known and duly reflected on with calmness, there will be condemnation of practices I have described and that in Germany and Austria, as well as in all neutral countries, there will be a wish to join in the efforts which both Allies and leading neutral powers are sure to make to regulate and mitigate the conduct of war." Lord Bryce has lately served as head of the British delegation to the Anglo-French Parliamentary conference. The eminent diplomatist recently enunciated the principles which animate the British people in this war, as follows: "First, liberty; second, nationality; third, maintenance of treaty obligations; and of those rights of smaller nations which rest upon such obligations; fourth, the regulation of the methods of warfare in the interests of humanity, and especially the exemption of non-combatants from the sufferings and horrors which war brings; fifth, representation by England of a pacific as opposed to a military type of civilization." Viscount Bryce—then the Rt. Hon. James Bryce—was perhaps the most popular ambassador ever accredited to Washington, with the possible exception of Mr. Wu Ting-fang.

## Demand for Japanese Cotton in China Is Increasing Rapidly

Tokio, May 9.—The demand for Japanese cotton cloth of various kinds is steadily increasing in China, India and Russia, where the European goods are beginning to run short on account of the continuation of the war. Before the war Japan received from England a supply of cotton cloth of superior quality, but she is now supplying England with large quantities of this material. Pessimistic views are, however, expressed in some quarters as to the future of the cotton cloth trade because the manufacturers are experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary supply of dyes, some of which are fast diminishing. Japan is now trying to manufacture her own dyes.

Farmer Want Ads, One Cent a Word

## DECLARES CIVIL SERVICE LAW IS GRADUALLY DYING

National Civil Service League Secretary Attacks Rural Credits Bill Rider.

New York, May 9.—George T. Keyes, secretary of the National Civil Service League, Wall Street, gave out today a copy of a letter sent by the League to every member of the Senate at Washington, protesting against "an outrageous patronage rider" in the Rural Credits bill, which exempts from the operations of the Civil Service law every employee of the Federal Farm Loan Board, including ordinary clerks. Attention is also called to the record of the Sixty-third Congress in repealing "this bill" the National Civil Service law. The letter, written by Mr. Keyes, says in part:

On behalf of the National Civil Service League, I earnestly urge that section 3 of the pending Rural Credits bill be eliminated. This is the section which provides that all "attorneys, experts, assistants, clerks, laborers, and other employees, and all registrars and appraisers" of the Federal Farm Loan Board shall be appointed without complying with the requirements of the Civil Service law. The bill specifically provides that these subordinate places are all to be treated initially at least, as unclassified offices. The effect is only to subject the administration of the new act to the most serious menace, possibly, namely, the influence of partisan politics in the entire organization of the subordinates of the Board. It will be impossible to keep these influences out if the places are in the unclassified service. Every one knows this to be true. The adoption of the amendment, in other words, will expose the new rural credits system of the country to the corrupting and extravagant influences of the spoils system. Nothing could be more surely fatal to the success of the new system than this repeal. On its merits and aside from its character as a rider, it is neither necessary nor in the slightest degree excusable. No more serious menace to the new rural credits system, for example, could be imagined than that its administration be faced with political influences of the spoils system. Nothing could be more surely fatal to the success of the new system than this repeal. On its merits and aside from its character as a rider, it is neither necessary nor in the slightest degree excusable. No more serious menace to the new rural credits system, for example, could be imagined than that its administration be faced with political influences of the spoils system. 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